



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5457

House of Representatives, April 5, 2018

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. DEMICCO of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BOTTLE REDEMPTION CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22a-245 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2018*):

4 (a) No person shall establish a redemption center without
5 registering with the commissioner on a form provided by the
6 commissioner with such information as the commissioner deems
7 necessary including (1) the name of the business principals of the
8 redemption center and the address of the business; (2) the name and
9 address of the sponsors and dealers to be served by the redemption
10 center; (3) the types of beverage containers to be accepted; (4) the hours
11 of operation; and (5) whether beverage containers will be accepted
12 from consumers. The operator of the redemption center shall report
13 any change in procedure to the commissioner within forty-eight hours
14 of such change. Any person establishing a redemption center shall
15 have the right to determine what kind, size and brand of beverage

16 container shall be accepted. Any redemption center may be established
17 to serve all persons or to serve certain specified dealers.
18 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 22a-244, for
19 the purpose of the redemption of any beverage container by a
20 consumer at a redemption center, the refund value shall be four cents.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	22a-245(a)

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill decreases, by one cent, the amount a consumer receives for redeeming a beverage container at a redemption center. It provides the additional penny per container to be retained by the redemption center.

As the bill alters the amounts received for bottle returns by the private consumer and redemption centers, there is no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5457*****AN ACT CONCERNING BOTTLE REDEMPTION CENTERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill decreases, by one cent, the amount a consumer receives for redeeming a beverage container at a redemption center. It provides the additional penny per container to be retained by the redemption center.

Currently, beverage containers have a refund value of five cents. For each container sold in the state, five cents is collected from the consumer at purchase. Consumers who then redeem the containers at either a redemption center or a dealer (e.g., retailer) receive back the five cents for each container. The center or dealer subsequently receives five cents, plus a handling fee, from the distributors for each container the distributors collect for recycling purposes.

By law, covered beverage containers are generally those containing beer and other malt beverages, carbonated soft drinks (including mineral and soda waters), and waters. Containers of at least three liters in size are exempt, as are those sold on an interstate passenger carrier (e.g., plane or train), made from high density polyethylene (i.e., HDPE or #2 plastic), or bottled by a small scale water manufacturer (CGS §§ 22a-243, 22a-244, and 22a-245b).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 8 (03/22/2018)